GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:367
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CONSUMPTION OF EDIBLE OIL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assessment regarding the total consumption of edible oil in the country has been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total quantum of oil seeds imported during 2004-05 vis-Ã -vis 2003-04;

(d) whether a decrease in the production of oil-seeds in the country has been recorded during 2004-05;

(e) if so, the factors responsible therefor; and

(f) if not, the reasons for importing edible oil?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 367 DUE FOR REPLY ON 22ND AUGUST, 2005.

(a)&(b): According to the projections for oilseeds/edible oils made for the Tenth Five Year Plan, the demand in terms of consumption of edible oils and equivalent oilseeds production based on behaviouristic approach is given in Annexure-I.

(c): The quantum of oilseeds imported during 2004-05 (April-February) amounted to 20.93 thousand tonnes compared with 19.76 thousand tonnes in 2003-04 (April-March).

(d): No, Sir. According to the Fourth Advance Estimates, the production of oilseeds in the country was 26.10 million tonnes in 2004-05 compared with 25.29 million tonnes in 2003-04.

(e): Does not arise.

(f): In view of the need to bridge domestic demand-supply gap, India continues to import edible oils. According to the projected requirement, the required production of oilseeds in 2004- 05 amounted to 40.37 million tonnes compared to the estimated production of 26.10 million tonnes in the same year, which implies a demand-supply gap of 14.27 million tonnes. The import of edible oils in 2004-05 amounted to 4.54 million tonnes, which works out to around 16 million tonnes of oilseeds.

ANNEXURE-I

Demand for Edible Oils during 10th Plan Period (Using Behaviouristic Approach)

Year	Population (Million Tonnes)	Edible Oil Consumption	Required Oilseeds Production (Million Tonnes)
2001-02	1033.52	9.82	35.07
2002-03	1053.16	10.29	36.75
2003-04	1073.17	10.78	38.52
2004-05	1093.56	11.30	40.37
2005-06	1114.33	11.85	42.31

2006-07 1135.51 12.41 44.34

Note: The methodology for behaviouristic projection assumes population growth rate at 1.9% per annum. Projections of per capita consumption of edible oils are based on (a) the regression estimate of expenditure elasticity of edible oil consumption of 0.7488 and (b) growth in per capita total expenditure by 3.8 per cent per annum. Thus, the annual growth in per capita consumption of edible oils has been taken at 2.85% (0.74883.8). The elasticity of edible oil consumption of 0.7488 represents the weighted average of elasticities for rural (0.7891) and urban (0.6451) areas, the weights being the proportion of rural (72.22%) and urban (27.78%) population in the total population as brought out by the population census 2001.